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Harris-Steiner

Clyde O. Harris and Margaret Steiner, both of this city were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. H. A. Waite officiating. The couple were attended by Raymond Myers and Frieda Koerner.

NAMED CHEVILIER OF LEGION OF HONOR

This highest honor, which the French government can give to an artist, was paid Frederick Carl Frieske, when he was named chevillier of the Legion of Honor a short time ago. Mr. Frieske was born in Owosso and spent his boyhood days in this city. After leaving here he studied at the Chicago Art Institute and from there went to Paris.

NO CAUSE FOR ACTION IN JOHNSTONE CASE

After deliberating from 1:30 in the afternoon until 7 o'clock in the evening, the jury in the case of Dr. E. R. Johnstone of Bancroft, against the Grand Trunk Railway Company, Saturday returned a verdict of no cause of action in the Circuit Court.

Dr. Johnstone sued for injuries to himself and damage to his car when his machine was struck by a passenger train at Hall's crossing near Bancroft in January, 1918. This was the second time the case had been tried, the first jury having been unable to agree.

The verdict was the fourth succeeding damage suit to be tried during the present court term, to result in a victory for the defendant, and attorneys have come to call the present panel a defendant panel.

DEATH OF A. H. MIX

Allen Howard Mix, foreman of the screen department of the Owosso Manufacturing Co., died Monday afternoon at his home on North Shawassee street. He had been ill for the past ten days with pneumonia.

A brief prayer service was held at the home Tuesday and the family started for Burlington, Vt., with the remains for interment Wednesday.

Mr. Mix was born in Huntington, Vt., and spent most of his life in that state. For many years he was connected with two large screen door companies in Vermont, as superintendent and had a thorough practical knowledge of the industry. Five years ago he came to Owosso to become associated with the Owosso Manufacturing Co. During his residence here he had made many warm friends who deeply deplore his untimely passing.

Mr. Mix was a member of the Burlington, Vt., Masonic lodge.

Surviving the deceased are his widow and two sons, B. Howard Mix, of Atlantic City, N. J., and Ivan C. Mix of this city.

Taphouse—Whitesell.

On Tuesday at high noon in the presence of twenty-five guests Miss Thelma Taphouse of this city and Bruce Whitesell of Detroit, were united in marriage by Rev. J. W. Koyle, of the Cornua Avenue M. E. church, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taphouse, Broadway avenue. They were attended by Miss Inez Langworthy and Wesley Reed, both of Owosso. The bride was becomingly gowned in peacock blue crepe de chine and georgette while her bridesmaid's costume was of coral shade. They carried arm bouquets of carnations and roses. Immediately after the ceremony a daintily appointed four course dinner was served. The house was beautifully decorated in pink and white. In the evening their friends serenaded them in the time-honored fashion. Mr. and Mrs. Whitesell left this morning on a trip to Detroit and on their return will be at home at 607 Broadway avenue. Mr. Whitesell has a position with the Ann Arbor railroad.

Lee-Sherman

On Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood on Adams street occurred the marriage of George W. Lee Jr. and Blanche Irene Sherman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. A. Waite. The full Episcopal service was used. Only the immediate families were present. They were attended by Charles A. Meier and Myrtle M. Fletcher, a cousin of the bride. After the wedding trip the newlyweds will be at home to their friends at 619 N. Hickory St. The young people are well known in Owosso and are among the most popular young people of the Baptist church of this city.

NOTICE

Petitions for street sprinkling should be filed at once with the city clerk. Petitioners are requested to petition only for solid blocks or streets, in order that the work can be done by two trucks, all that are available.

T. E. STEBBINS, Commissioner Public Improvements.

Farewell to Express Agent.

Wm. McBride has resigned as agent in the local office of the American Railway express company to take a position with the Ann Arbor railroad after acting in this capacity for the past eight months. Previous to this he had served as railway express messenger for fifteen years. Monday evening seventeen of the employees and officials of the company enjoyed a repast and Superintendent E. J. Flanagan spoke in appreciation of Mr. McBride's years of service, of the regret of his associates at losing him and expressed the good wishes of all for his continued service. Mr. McBride voiced his gratification of the honor paid him. Harry Fry in behalf of those present, presented him with a fine pipe. Mr. Olstoffs, route agent was among those present. S. P. Hibft Cadillac will succeed Mr. McBride as agent.

CHECKING UP ON

BUREAUCRACY

Senator Townsend, of Michigan, has offered a resolution in the Senate asking Postmaster General Burleson to explain by what authority farmers have been circularized with political propaganda and questionnaires on other topics. It is charged in the resolution that James I. Blakslee, the fourth assistant Postmaster General, has sent hundreds of thousands of circulars to farmers to get information that is outside of the work of the Post Office Department. The resolution asks for an explanation from Mr. Burleson as to what appropriation had been made to cover such expenses. Senator Townsend stated that many Government agencies and employees use Government funds for improper purposes, seek information to which they are not entitled and assume undertakings not authorized by Congress. The resolution has been favorably reported to the Senate by the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

DEATH OF MRS. JENNIE PLACE

Mrs. Jennie Place, widow of the late E. O. Place, died at her home, 217 East King street Tuesday morning. Her death was due to a nervous breakdown from which she has suffered for some months. Mr. Place died last August.

Mrs. Place was born in Bennington township in 1849 and had spent her entire life in this county. She spent her girlhood days in Bennington was married in 1873 to Mr. Place. They went to Hartwellville where they resided for a number of years and in 1891 moved to a farm just outside the city limits on Chipman street. They resided there until 11 years ago when they moved into the city, purchasing the Harding property. Mrs. Place moved to East King street following the death of her husband.

The deceased was a faithful member of the Baptist church and had been active in its work since girlhood. She was also very prominent in the North Owosso Farmers' club and the grange. She is survived by one son, Karl, two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Latane, Chicago, and Mrs. W. H. Kirker, Morrice; and the following brothers and sisters: L. C. Cooper, of this city; G. A. Cooper, of Bennington; W. S. Cooper, Owosso township; Mrs. Delia Reynolds, Maple River; Mrs. Bina Lewis, Owosso, and Mrs. C. S. Watson, Owosso.

The funeral of Mrs. Place was held Monday morning at the residence.

CITY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE PLAYGROUND

Recreational activities in connection with the Owosso public school program will be carried out during the summer under the direction of Miss Virginia Miner, director of physical training in the schools, assisted by a volunteer group of high school girls. Miss Miner is especially fitted for this work, having had two years experience in the Unity Settlement House in Minneapolis. A play-ground will be established, probably in the Emerson Grove, on account of the fine shade afforded by the trees there, although several sites are under consideration. Equipment will be provided by the board of education and will consist of swings, see-saws, a merry-go-round, slide, giant strides, etc. In this connection donations by public spirited citizens will be acceptable. Members of the manual training classes will assist in making much of the equipment in order to lessen the expense.

The play ground work will begin immediately after the close of school and will continue every afternoon until sessions begin in September. The program will include volley ball, basket ball and other games. Story hour group, always so popular with the children, will also be a feature.

It is estimated that there are fully a thousand school children in Owosso of the ages to enjoy the benefits of the playground and co-operation by any agencies qualified to assist in the enterprises and aid in making it a success will be appreciated.

NEW BOOKS AT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Science of analyzing character.—Balkin.
The average man's home.
Small house for a moderate income.—Wallick.
New homes under old roofs.—Seabury.
The Renaissance and modern art.—Goodyear.
Art in education and life.—Davies.
In vacation America.—Rhodes.
American masters of sculpture.—Caffin.
The Indian and the Antiquities of America.—Shipp.
Quaker and Courtier, William Penn.—Grant.
George Washington—Haggood.
India and the future.—Archer.
Oriental life.—Clough.
Fiction
The man of the forest.—Grey.
The vision splendid.—Raine.
The great impersonation.—Oppenheim.
A man for the ages.—Bacheller.
The red lady.—Burt.
To the above list has been added a complete ten volume set of Modern Engineering practice, a gift from Mrs. A. A. Crawford.

Harnisch-Schneider.

Wednesday evening at six o'clock at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Harnisch, Grace street, Miss Anna Harnisch became the bride of Theodore Schneider. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Theo. Hahn of Salem's Lutheran church, in the presence of about thirty relatives and intimate friends, and they were attended by Miss Theresa Schneider and Oscar Schneider.

The house was beautifully decorated, sweet peas being used to carry out the color scheme of pink and white, and the nuptial vows were exchanged before a bower of flowers and greenery. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding supper was served by Misses Cora Bower, Eva Schneider and Helen Gregory. Baskets of sweet peas and candles were used with pretty effect on the table.

Mr. Schneider has a position with the Independent Stove Company while the bride was until recently discount teller at the Citizens' Savings Bank. Both have a host of friends who wish them success and happiness. They are at home to their friends at 231 Ridge street.

Christianson-Metzgar

A pretty wedding was solemnized Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at St. John's Church, when Miss Christina Metzgar, became the bride of Nicholas Christianson. The service was read by Rev. Webbink. The bridal couple was attended by Miss Alice Fitzpatrick and Edward Christianson.

Both bride and groom are well known here. Mrs. Christianson has resided here practically all of her life, and is a graduate of the Owosso Business college, class of 1916. The groom came to Owosso six years ago and has since been employed as pattern maker at the Malleables plant.

Following a three course wedding supper served at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Christianson left on a trip to Chicago, Milwaukee and other points, after which they will be at home to their friends at 1325 Stewart street west.

BEE MEN URGE CARE IN ORCHARD SPRAYING

In an effort to prevent poisoning of honey bees, members of the Michigan Beekeepers Association are urging greater care in the matter of spraying orchards while the trees are in bloom. The State law provides that "No spraying shall be done while fruit trees or vines are in blossom, excepting in the case of canker worm," and the bee men are asking cooperation from fruit growers in order to minimize the poison danger at this time.

"By observing the law fruit growers will be assisting themselves, as well as the beekeepers, for it is a well recognized fact that bees are the most valuable agents of pollination in the orchard," says R. H. Keltz, of the Entomology Department at M. A. C., and Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Beekeepers Association. "They do their work at a time when the other insects which serve as pollinizers are not present in sufficient numbers to be of value."

"Although as a rule there has been hearty cooperation between fruit growers and beekeepers in the matter of spraying at the proper time to prevent poisoning, there are still some who disregard the law and spray when the trees are in full bloom. The Beekeepers Association is starting a vigorous campaign to show these men that they are not only breaking the law but also working against their own interests. They need the bees, and as a matter of fact later spraying is more effective than spraying when the trees are in bloom."

Memorial Day Program.

The program for Memorial day has been completed by the committees in charge and is as follows:

President of the Day—Mayor A. T. Wright.
G. A. R. Public Service.
Reading of Memorial Orders.
Salute to the Dead.
Music.
W. R. C. Public Service.
Reading of Memorial Address.
Invocation.
Reading of Governor's Proclamation.—Donald Cook.
Music.
President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.—Mrs. Agnes Wiley, Past Department Commander, W. R. C.
Gen. Logan's First Memorial Day Proclamation.—Mabel Smithgall.
Music.
Address—Rev. Carlos H. Hanks.
Song—"America"—By the audience.
Closing prayer and benediction.

WORRIES CAUSE SUICIDE

William Freeman, better known as "Dick" Freeman, a lifelong resident of Shiawassee county, shot and killed himself Sunday morning. The shooting occurred in a gully just north of the main street of Henderson.

Freeman left his home in Henderson at 8 o'clock, wearing his hunting coat. His wife saw him take his shotgun, and asked him what he was going to do with it. If he made any reply his wife did not hear it.

When they reached the gully, through which a small stream flows, the father told his boy to go upstream a ways and look for fish. A moment later the son heard the report of the gun, and looking around, saw his father lying prostrate on the ground. Badly frightened, the youngster ran home, and told his mother, who with neighbors hurried to the scene. They found Freeman dead.

He had placed the muzzle of his gun at his right temple and used a stick to press the trigger.

Freeman's act is believed to have been caused by mental depression caused by the cost of the new home which he was building. Although he had said nothing to his wife about it, he had told neighbors that the expense was running much higher than he had expected it to. Friends have noticed that he had been depressed for some time.

Mr. Freeman was born in New Haven township 51 years ago and had lived all his life in New Haven and Rush townships. He prospered on his farm and was well off. Some months ago he sold his farm and two months ago moved to Henderson and started work on a fine home. He was widely known throughout the northern part of the county, as an industrious, progressive farmer whose integrity was unquestioned and who was respected wherever known. His act comes as a great shock to his many friends.

Surviving Mr. Freeman are his widow, who is his second wife, and the following children: Mrs. Robert Rourke, Rush township, and Lois, Donald and Gale, living at home. He also leaves his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman, of Owosso; two sisters, Mrs. William Lindsey, New Haven; Mrs. Wesley Hurrie, Chesaning, and one brother, Milton Freeman, of Rush township.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Fred Galloway, and at 2:30 at the Union church.

NOTICE

It is announced by the board of review that all veterans of the Spanish, Civil or Mexican wars, or their wives or widows, who claim exemption under the law of \$1,000 from taxation for real estate and homesteads, must file an affidavit with the city assessor each year. Those who fail to file notice will not be exempted.

Those who have sold off real estate and it has been divided, are also notified to appear before the board and make a statement of such division, in order that an equitable division of the assessment may be made.

Making Study of Genetics.

In order to learn more about inheritance in cattle and other animals, information is wanted by L. J. Cole, of the genetics department of the Wisconsin college of agriculture, about the similarity of the duplicate parts of double monsters, such as double-headed calves, or calves with one head and two bodies. This will help in a study of twinning and other related phenomena.

This information can best be obtained, says Mr. Cole, from specimens with white markings, where a comparison can be made of the extent and shape of the two parts. These freaks are often mounted or preserved and the genetics department would appreciate information as to where photographs or sketches can be obtained. This material will help toward an understanding of some problems in inheritance in cattle and other animals.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES ATTENDED BY COMMANDERY

The Ascension Day services, Sunday morning at Christ Episcopal church, were of a deeply interesting and impressive nature. Owosso Commandery No. 49, Knights Templar, were the especial guests, and was present in large numbers. The music and other features of the service had been carefully prepared for the occasion, and were appropriate to the day. The choir rendered in excellent manner Haydn's "The Spacious Firmament on High," and "My Song Shall be of Jesus," Miss Neuman taking the solo parts. A chorus of young ladies of the high school rendered the offertory, "Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains."

Past Commander, J. B. E. Castree, prelate of Owosso Commandery, and Past Commander Byron P. Hicks, assisted in the service. The sermon by Rev. W. R. Blachford, rector of the church, was simple and practical. The outstanding thought or ideal of the order of Knights Templar is chivalry, which in action means protection and support for the weak and oppressed, and justice for all. This characteristic marked the life and actions of the ancient Templars, and is emphasized in these later days. The cross worn upon the Templar's dress, and the sword which he carries, are highly significant, the first of which the religion of Christ is the predominant note in the creed of a Knight Templar, and the second indicates that he realizes there always are battles to be fought for the sake of righteousness and good living, and he is pledged to wield his sword in the cause of humanity.

Rev. Blachford paid a high tribute to Masonry in general, because of its good influence upon society and its beneficent work is apparent in every community.

On their return to their asylum, a vote of thanks and appreciation was tendered by the Commandery to Rev. Blachford and the choir of Christ Episcopal church for the helpful and inspiring service.

FALSE STANDARD OF VALUES

World Too Much Given Up to Worship of Material Prosperity, Declares Writer.

Wherever we turn we find that possessions are too often the standard by which men are measured. A man's income and position bulk much more largely in the mind of most than what he is or what he does, and a nation's wealth is still instinctively spoken of in terms of finance, or territorial possessions, even by those who, on platforms, glibly say "true wealth consists in a healthy and contented people."

It is this false and pernicious view which is responsible for much of the evil at the present day. The little child who learns to pray by its mother's knee, when it rises is urged to "get on in the world;" to make money, to achieve fame. No harm in this, some may say. Man cannot serve two masters, and if we examine closely we shall find that it's just this effort for each to do the best possible for him or herself that is responsible for the evil in the world.

The great need of the world is that we shall change the values. There is only one thing of supreme value, and that is humanity. This makes the millionaire and the homeless tramp equal. When the world has learned the lesson that man does not live by bread alone, then will be laid the foundation upon which a regenerated world can be built.

The Second Annual Shiawassee County Girls' Congress held under the auspices of the County Young Women's Christian Association, is being planned for Friday and Saturday May 21, 22. The banquet Friday evening will be served at the First M. E. church here. The entire Congress is open to all girls above the seventh grade in school. The fee of 75 cents covers the cost of the banquet ticket.

The remains of Mrs. Eliza Jett, sister of Mrs. Mahalah Fargher, 120 West King street, were brought Wednesday for burial in Oak Hill cemetery. Rev. H. A. Waite conducted the services. Mrs. Jett died at her home in Cleveland, Sunday, of high blood pressure, aged 66 years. She formerly was Mrs. Robert B. Bray, and resided in Owosso about 16 years ago. Mr. Bray dying after they had been here about a year. She is survived by four nieces, one of whom is Mrs. F. G. Ward, King street, and two nephews, besides the sister.

The W. F. M. S. Society of Kewby will hold its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Arthur Galloway Friday, May 21, at 7:30 o'clock, eastern time. Rev. Woodhouse of Cornua will be present to talk on foreign missionary work. It is hoped that a goodly number will attend, as the meeting will be of interest to all. A pot luck supper will be served after the meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

PRESIDENT JOLTS DEMOCRATIC SENATORS

By Edward N. Dingley

It is difficult to exaggerate the consternation into which the President's telegram of May 9th, issuing a command to his party, has thrown the Democratic party. Between twenty and twenty-two Democrats in the Senate at some stage of the Covenant fight voted for one or more of the Lodge reservations.

The President has hit these Senators very hard—in fact it is freely stated that he has killed every possible hope the Democrats had of securing control of the next Senate. Perhaps they had none before May 9th. It is certain they have none now.

The President has stopped all sentiment in favor of a middle ground, or compromise, as far as the members of his own party are concerned.

The President has solidified the Republican opposition as he could not have done in any other way.

The President has compassed the defeat of many Democratic candidates for re-election to the Senate.

Senator Chamberlain is up for re-election, and voted for the Lodge reservations. The President's telegram was sent to an Oregon citizen and some argued that Oregon was selected for a reason. Secretary Tumulty denies this. Senator Chamberlain must take his fight on a platform against the President's program. Such a campaign, according to the President, will be "utterly inconsistent with the nation's honor."

Senator Beckham of Kentucky is in the same boat. He voted for the Lodge reservations, and must campaign against the President and the White House program.

Senator Fletcher of Florida voted for the Lodge reservations. So did Senator Henderson of Nevada, Senator Nugent of Idaho, Senator Smith of Georgia and Senator Smith of Maryland. All must defy the edict of the White House or confess themselves hypocrites.

The President hit Senator Phelan of California squarely in the face. He voted for the Lodge reservations and is up for re-election. Senator Gore not only voted for the Lodge reservations but was active in all opposition to the President's program. He is up for re-election also.

Senator Kirby of Arkansas, Smith of South Carolina and Overman of North Carolina, voted for some of the Lodge reservations, and are up for re-election. Senator Thomas of Colorado has been one of the outspoken opponents of the Wilson Covenant, therefore the President's telegram of May 9th will not add to his discomfiture as far as White House support is concerned.

Every Senator who voted for any of the Lodge reservations and who will be up for re-election, is "utterly inconsistent with the nation's honor," before he has started in the Senatorial race, according to the opinion of the Democratic leader in the White House.

It is doubtful if the Democrats can secure one-third of the seats which will be vacated the Fourth of next March. A two-thirds vote in the Senate after the Fourth of next March, in favor of the President's irreconcilable program, is out of the question.

FARMERS TURNING TO SORGHUM FOR SWEETS

As a result of the high price and threatened shortage of sugar, many Michigan farmers are turning to sorghum as a sirup crop, declares Prof. J. F. Cox, head of the farm crops department at M. A. C. A number of new sorghum mills have started up over the state, and indications point to a record production of "home-grown" sirup during the coming season.

"Under present conditions it would be a good thing for many farmers to grow a half acre or acre of sorghum," says Professor Cox. "The usual yield is from 50 to 75 gallons per acre, though a few have produced more than that. The early Amber variety is the best for sirup purposes, giving the best yield and having the sweetest juice. Michigan seed companies can furnish seed."

"The crop is planted on ground prepared in the same way that land is prepared for corn. It usually does best when planted the latter part of the corn growing season, in late May or early June. A good piece of fall plowed land that has been manured will give best yields."

"When sorghum is planted for sirup 6 or 8 pounds of seed should be planted in rows 36 to 42 inches apart, using an ordinary corn planter. Cultivation is similar to that for corn."

"The crop should be cut in the dough stage before the seed becomes hard. The leaves are usually obtained while the cane is in the field. This is not necessary. The stripping of the leaves increases the yield of the juice a little and insures a better quality. One ton of cane will yield from 500 to 1000 pounds of juice, which will make from 8 to 25 gallons of sirup. An acre should yield from 4 to 6 tons of cane."